

Wilmington Woman Arrested after Striking Ex-boyfriend with Vehicle- New Castle

New Castle— The Delaware State Police have arrested 44-year-old **Tara Woodward** of Wilmington after she struck her ex-boyfriend with her vehicle and fled the scene.

The incident occurred on April 27, 2020, at approximately 1:59 p.m., when Troopers were dispatched to Wawa, located at 117 S. DuPont Highway, New Castle, about a report of a pedestrian struck by a motor vehicle. Upon arrival, Troopers made contact with the 32-year-old male victim who advised he was involved in a verbal domestic with Woodward while sitting in Woodward's 2001 Chevrolet Silverado in the parking lot of Wawa. The argument escalated, and Woodward told the victim to get out of her vehicle. As he exited the vehicle and walked across the parking lot, Woodward accelerated her vehicle and began driving directly toward the victim. The victim feared for his safety and began running across the parking lot when the front bumper of Woodward's vehicle struck his lower body, causing him to fall to the ground and sustain minor injuries.

While fleeing the scene, Woodward failed to stop at the red light at the intersection of Hares Corner in front of 100 South Dupont Highway, New Castle Delaware, and collided with a 2017 Nissan Altima. After the collision, she failed to stop at the accident scene and fled Northbound on North Dupont Highway.

On April 28, 2020, Woodward was taken into custody and transported to Troop 2 where she was charged with the following crimes:

- Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony

- Aggravated Menacing (Felony)
- Leaving the Scene of a Property Collision Accident
- Failure to Provide Information at Collision Scene
- Failure to Have Required Insurance
- Failure to Stop At a Red Light

Woodward was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court and committed to the Delores J. Baylor Womens Correctional Institution on \$55,000.00 cash only bond.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@state.de.us.

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